

MIAMI BRIDGE NEWSLETTER

Quick Notes:

- The existing Missouri River bridge was built in 1939.
- The old bridge consisted of only two, 11' driving lanes.
- The bridge was closed to traffic on October 5, 2009.
- The new bridge will include a 11' driving lane and 2' shoulder in each direction.

NOW YOU SEE IT, NOW YOU DON'T!



Photo taken on October 26.



Photo taken on November 12.

The past few weeks the contractor for the Missouri River bridge project at Miami, OCCl, has been performing a disappearing act on the bridge. Three separate implosions were scheduled for the demolition of the existing superstructure. The first implosion took place on October 27 which eliminated the middle span of the bridge. A second implosion on November 3 eliminated the north span (left on the pictures). Then on November 11, the final south span was taken down. In all implosions, OCCl was able to remove the dropped steel within the timeframe set by the United States Coast Guard Corp. of Engineers. OCCl's next steps will include a final sweep of the river for any debris, and then they will start the modification process to the existing piers to support the new and wider bridge deck.

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